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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

Claims Highest Number Remaining Additional After Previously Present

Fee Paid For Amendment Extra Rate 18 73 0 **Total Claims** 51 Х 84 6 11 **Independent Claims TOTAL**

Request for Extension of Time B.

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated May 9, 2002, set to expire on August 9, 2002, be extended by 2 months, to expire on October 9, 2002. The enclosed check includes the 2-month extension fee of \$400.00.

C. Fees Enclosed

Enclosed is our Check No. 142629 in the amount of \$400.00 to cover the request for extension of time fee.

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D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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